

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended and claims 11-20 have been added herein. Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-3 and 9-10. The remaining claims were not rejected in view of prior art.

The Examiner has indicated that the application was filed without formal drawings. Formal drawings are being filed concurrently with this amendment.

The drawings were objected to because the Brief Description of the Drawings refers only to Figure 2, rather than to Figures 2a-2e. While Applicant agrees that one solution may be to amend the drawings, Applicant believes it is easier to amend the specification. Accordingly, the brief description on page 5 is amended to refer to Figures 2a-2e.

Claims 4-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Both of these claims have been amended to remove the term "said semiconductor device," which lacked antecedent basis. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are neither vague nor indefinite.

Claims 11-20 have been added herein to more comprehensively claim Applicant's invention. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that these claims are allowable over the references of record.

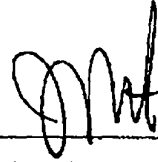
In conclusion, in view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow Claims 1-23, 29 and 30 and pass the present patent application to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact Applicant's attorney at

the phone number below. No fee is believed due in connection with this filing. However, should one be deemed due, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

Respectfully submitted,

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